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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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FOR: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING ACROLEIN AND ACRYLIC ACID

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The Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the herewith filed application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Please add the following new claim:

--4. A process according to claim 2, in which a starting gas whose propylene concentration is at least 9 volume % is introduced.--

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments prior to examination

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